(b) if so, whether the Committee has also recommened for revision in import tariff to discourage its use for power generation;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the committee has agreed that the disincentive be built in through tariff restructuring rather than quantitative restriction;

(e) if so, whether the Government have accepted recommendations of the committee; and

(f) if so, the time by which these are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (f). Government is considering, the issue of assured fuel supply for liquid fuel based power plants, including those based on naptha, on a sustained basis. This, inter-alia, involves issues on availability of indigenous supply, foreign exchange requirements for import of fuel, import duties, transportation and handling facilities, etc. As on date, Ministry of Power has received proposals from several States for recommending allocation of liquid fuels for projects with a total proposed capacity of about 34,000 MW. Guidelines for allocation of liquid fuels to these plants are being prepared in consultation with Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and the State Governments.

[English]

Enron

*388. SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Enron Annual Report overstates project size by 266 MW" appearing in the FINANCIAL EXPRESS dated August 2, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Government attention has been drawn to the article 'Enron annual report overstates project size by 266 MW' appeared in the Financial Express dated October 2, 1996.

(b) and (c). The Government of Maharashtra/ Maharashtra State Electricity Board have informed that in the renegotiated Dabhol Power Project, the exportable capacity is 2184 MW while the ISO capacity is 2450 MW, the difference being 266 MW.

[English]

U.P. State Electricity Board

*389. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

SHRI TARIQ ANWAR :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board (UPSEB) has sold some of its power plants to the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the losses offered by the UPSEB during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) the amount of outstanding dues of various institutions/organizations as on September 3, 1996;

(e) the reasons therefor;

(f) the installed capacity of State Power Projects and actual production at present; and

(g) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to check the fall in power generation, make up the losses, restructuring and privatisation of power sector in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b). Feroze Gandhi Unchahar Thermal Power Project Stage I (2x210 MW) located at Unchahar in Rai Bareilly District of Uttar Pradesh was taken over by National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) with effect from 13.2.1992 at a cost of Rs. 925 crores from Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam. The main reason for the take over of the power station was the inability of Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board (UPSEB) to liquidate its outstanding dues to NTPC.

(c) The losses suffered by UPSEB during the last three years are as under :

(Without RE subsidy)

1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Rs. 691.46 crores	Rs. 1090.20 crores	Rs. 978.25 crores

(d) The outstanding dues of Central Power Sector Undertakings as on 30.9.1996 against UPSEB were as under :

(i)	Rural Electrification Corporation	Rs. 437.80 Cr.
(ii)	National Thermal Power Corporation	Rs. 839.68 Cr.
(iii)	National Hydro Electric Power Corporation	Rs. 180.30 Cr.
(iv)	Powergrid Corporation of India	Rs. 172.64 Cr.